

LaunchKC awarded \$500,000 in grants to nine tech entrepreneurs on Friday evening at the historic Power and Light Building. The nine grant recipients celebrated the milestone with LaunchKC sponsors and steering committee members.

The nine winners, including eight from the Kansas City metropolitan area and one from Colorado, were selected Friday afternoon from a pool of 20 finalists. Each of the finalists presented their business pitches earlier in the morning to LaunchKC judges and the Techweek audience at the Gallery Event Space in the Power & Light District.



Cambrian Tech, from Leawood, Kan., was chosen as LaunchKC's first \$100,000 grand prize recipient. Cambrian designs augmented reality software for mobile devices. Their winning business model focuses on the home improvement industry and becoming the mobile destination for DIYers.

The additional eight grant recipients were awarded \$50,000, including:

- H3 Enterprises, Kansas City, Mo.
- Herd Dogg, Longmont, Colo.
- iShare Medical, Kansas City, Mo.
- Music Spoke, Kansas City, Kan.
- PlanIT Impact, Kansas City, Mo.
- Sickweather, Kansas City, Mo.
- TradeLanes, Kansas City, Mo.
- Zitches, Kansas City, Mo.

Friday's announcement marked the culmination of weeks of application reviews and scoring by a panel of more than 35 business and financial leaders, who volunteered their time to thoughtfully narrow the field from 400 applications from 19 states and five nations to the 20 finalists who competed on Friday.

In addition to the cash grants, the nine grant recipients will receive a year of free office space at WeWork, industry-specific mentor teams and opportunities to meet and learn from industry and entrepreneurial leaders in Kansas City - all designed to elevate their efforts to build high-growth, tech sector businesses and jobs in Kansas City.

LaunchKC is an initiative of the Downtown Council and the Economic Development Corporation.

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